GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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NATIONAL FORESTRY ACTION PLAN
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Vaniki Karya Yojana surooati sall main he adhar main` appearing in the `Dainik Jagran` dated August 13, 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to make the National Forestry Action Plan economically viable;

(d) the amount allocated to other States including Maharashtra under the National Forestry Action Plan during the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) the details of achievements made under the said plan, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a)&(b)The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c), (d) & (e) The Ministry has requested the Planning Commission and the State Governments to step upallocation to forestry sector in the country. In addition, the State Governments have also been asked to formulate concept papers to secure external assistance for implementation of National Forestry Action Programme.

The National Forestry Action Programme is acomprehensive strategic plan for the next twenty years to increase forest cover in the country to the desired 33% as mandated in the National Forest Policy, 1988. The document was released in 1999 andentails investment estimates for the next twenty years amounting to Rs.133903 crores for its implementation. The Ministry has decided to organise International Donors` Conference to secure external assistance for implementation of the Prorgramme.